

I drive on CT and NY I95 frequently. It's already a disaster, full of potholes, people losing tires or getting flats all the time. Truly 3rd world. Congrats to our state and national leaders, so busy solving "global warming" that we can't even fill a pothole. But I guess those don't count, no Nobel prizes for that!

I don't believe adding more tolls will solve the problem -just increase the time in traffic as cars back up at toll booths (yes, even with EZ Pass). Also, no doubt the tolls will be diverted to "favorite" projects of pols (the children! the children!), just like is done in NY State (corruption central, thank you Shellie Silver!). Remember - tolls on the Triboro bridge were supposed to end when the bridge was "Paid for". Oops, holy Fiorella LaGuardia, never happened. \* Surprise surprise!

Use some of the taxes we already pay to fix the Potholes. Between NY State (where I work and pay income taxes without representation) and CT (where I live and pay income taxes with representation) my family spends an awful lot in taxes and as far as I can see gets little to nothing for it in the way of basic services. We are already thinking of leaving for more economically viable states so if you want to add tolls just consider you will be driving more people out of state (literally).

I was in Slovenia a few months ago, and their highways are immaculate, while ours are junk. They have a system of "Vignetta", an annual sticker you have on the car windshield (like a beach permit) if you want to drive on the state highways (or you can stick to local roads and pay nothing). . .Costs about \$130 per year (or about \$20 for ten days if you are a temporary visitor)... no toll booths, but if a cop spots you without a vignetta, there's a big fine (more costly than the original sticker), so people pay accordingly. Simple system, seems to work as the highways are truly in great shape.

I would vote for that, provided we have the death penalty for any politician who decides to steal the money (oops, sorry I meant "divert") for any project other than highway construction and maintenance.

Don't worry, just kidding - I know that will never happen - half the folks in most state capitals would already be gone. But really, government cannot be so incompetent as not to manage potholes and highway maintenance with some semblance of professionalism.

Please don't make things worse, as is the usual practice of the folks in Hartford and Albany. I know you can't help yourselves, but please try this time. Toll booths suck and are a waste of time and energy for all involved.

I vote every time.

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